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MARRIAGE CRISIS IN JAPAN

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Abstract:

In Japan, it is not just that the rate of marriage per se is declining, relationships between men and women are also not actively developing. The reasons for these are as follows: 1) the expectation that men ought to shoulder the burden of paying for household expenses after marriage continues to be strong, 2) the incomes of young men have become increasingly unstable, and 3) almost all unmarried people continue to live in their parents' household. In short, although people would like to form 'traditional families' (nuclear families of their own), economic circumstances will not allow this and the number of unmarried who continue to live in their parents' home as 'parasite singles' is increasing instead. One consequence of this is that young people are increasingly attracted to 'virtual romance' in anime and with idols.

All are Welcome!!

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